

DR. PETERSON DEAD.

THE BEAUTIFUL ENDING OF A LIFE
WELL EOUNDED.This Good and Eminent Divine, After
Faithfully Serving His People and His
God, Has Been Called to His Reward.

Rev. P. A. Peterson, D. D., pastor of Trinity Methodist church, of this city, died at 5:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, No. 206 East broad street, after a painful illness of several weeks' duration, aged 65 years. He passed away quietly with his family, his sisters and brother around him.

He was entirely conscious of his condition and made frequent references to his approaching end, until within the last few days increasing weakness robbed him of his faculties.

His illness dates back several months, but it was only a few weeks ago that he was compelled to surrender his duties as pastor of Trinity church. He was a great sufferer during that time.

A surgical operation was successfully performed a few days ago and every thing possible that medical skill could suggest was adopted, but he grew weaker day by day and gave up the struggle after patient suffering.

His physicians and family recognized his critical condition for days before his death and his children were summoned to his bedside, as well as other members of his immediate connection.

He leaves a wife and four children, all of whom are grown. They are Mrs. S. N. Brickhouse of Norfolk; Mrs. W. P. Wright of Salisbury; Mr. Frank Peterson, of Danville; Mr. Percy Peterson, of this city.

His near relatives are Rev. E. M. Peterson, D. D., of Lynchburg; Mrs. Bettie Shanks of Petersburgh; and Miss Jane Peterson, of the same city.

His loss will be deeply felt not only by his family and congregation but especially by the Methodist Church South, of which he was a most useful member.

He was very popular and his genial spirit attracted him to friends from all denominations and his death is deeply regretted by the city at large.

The sympathy is expressed for his family and the attentions bestowed on them in their distress have been of the sweetest character.

All day the beloved divine had lain in a stupor, caused by the gradual weakness which had steadily grown on him for weeks. Around his bed stood the family and intimate friends of the dying presiding. The end which had been looked for almost hourly for several days came without a struggle and the spirit left the worn and tired body with the quietude of sleep.

All his children and immediate family were present, as was also Rev. Drs. Whitehead, Ray and Judkins and several members of the official body of Trinity church. They watched the ebbing tide of life and except for a single sigh, could scarcely turn when the soul took its flight.

The funeral services will be held at Trinity church at 10 o'clock Monday morning and the remains will be taken to Old Bradford cemetery, Petersburgh, for interment, where lies the dust of his parents.

Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., will conduct the services assisted by other ministers. The stewards of Trinity church will compose the active pall-bearers, and the ministers of the city will be invited to act as honorary pall-bearers.

On account of the death of the deeply lamented pastor, the appointments for Sunday are withdrawn and no services will be held at Trinity church, but a meeting of the members of the church and congregation will be held in the lecture room at 4 o'clock to-morrow evening to express the grief and sorrow occasioned by the loss of their faithful shepherd.

Peter Archibald Peterson. Rev. Peter Archibald Peterson was born in Petersburgh Sept. 28th, 1826. He was one of the most prominent ministers in the Methodist Church South and he was also one of the best authorities in the denomination on church history. He was especially well equipped in facts and statistics, and published two books which are much valued by the denomination for the information they obtain.

THREE UNITED STATES COURTS. Interesting Cases Were Tried in Each Yesterday—Still in Session.

In the United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday morning, Judges Coit, Seymour and Simonson sitting, judgments and decrees were entered in the following cases:

Southwest Virginia Improvement Company vs. Frasier; affirmed.

Eifert et al. vs. Crapse; affirmed.

Bound vs. South Carolina Railway Company; affirmed as to sale of road; reversed as to priority of claim of Lackawanna Coal and Iron Company.

Emma Perkins et al., appellants, vs. Eliza S. Fisher et al., appellees; Appeal from Circuit Court of West Virginia, at Parkersburg. Case argued by Judge Seymour and Simonson sitting, judgments and decrees were entered in the following cases:

Southwest Virginia Improvement Company vs. Frasier; affirmed.

Thomas et al. vs. Nawashala Marble and Tile Company; affirmed.

Mr. Benjamin R. Lipscomb has returned from the World's Fair.

An excursion to the World's Fair will be given in about ten days for the benefit of the "Betters" for the Sick. All desired information may be received from Mrs. William A. Jenkins, president of the retreat, or any of the lady managers, or at the Retreat.

The Norwegian bark "Cavmen" cleared at the custom house yesterday with a cargo of 5,153 barrels of flour for Rio Grande de Luiz, Brazil.

Mr. James E. Kearney is slowly improving.

Adjunct-General McDonald was about the same yesterday.

MISS NELSON TO TROT.

She Will be One of the Attractions of the Virginia State Fair.

The committee on the races at the State Fair completed the programme yesterday. The 250 class was not made up, but the trials of speed to test its place are much more attractive. Miss Nelson, Virginia's trotting queen, will speed on Thursday to beat the track record. She is the fastest trotter ever bred in Virginia and her effort will be witnessed with intense interest.

The gentlemen's trotting races have been set for the same day and the premium doubled. The entries for this race are still open.

Every horse stall at the fair grounds has been engaged and other horses will be cared for with difficulty. No such state of affairs has ever existed before and the races assured will be of the most interesting character.

Major Elyson has directed that the city office shall be closed next Thursday, the 12th instant, in order to give all connected with the city government an opportunity to attend on that day.

The banks will also be closed and the merchants generally will be requested to give their employees an opportunity to attend.

The exhibits are pouring in and only a few days of good weather are needed to make the fair a success.

Richmond College Matriculates.

The number of students matriculated at Richmond College to date is 161. On the corresponding day of last session the number was 159. The falling off may be accounted for by the stringency of the laws.

Magic and Mystery.

Powell will produce for the amusement and instruction of the patrons of the Academy of Music, Wednesday and Thursday October 13th and 14th, some of the most marvelous achievements known to modern times in the realms of unique investigation, illusory illustrations, and spiritualistic phenomena. By extending his researches far beyond the domain of the ordinary magician, Powell has been able to penetrate the most hidden secrets of his art, and will illustrate the most wonderful feats of the Orient and the West. The theory of Theosophists of Mahatma, so new and wonderful will be rich in his performance. He will be far more economical, costing less than one cent a cup.

It is delicious, nourishing, and easily digested.

Sold by Grocers everywhere.

Just opened twenty-five dozen Derby Hats, the newest shapes, at The Boston.

Soon after proferring religion, he was strongly exercised about entering the ministry, but limited educational advan-

MANCHESTER'S BUDGET.

CHICKEN THIEVES ON THE RAM.
PAGE—POSTOFFICE NEWS.

Funerals of Mrs. Mary A. Clayton and Mr. E. A. Gill—P. H. T. Meetings and Appointments—Other News Notes.

MANCHESTER BUREAU RICHMOND TIMES,
1121 HULL STREET, BRATTLE BLOCK.
The numerous citizens who wish to serve their country in the capacity of postmaster of Manchester will be very glad to hear of the action of the Post-office Department in Washington regarding the office here.

The limit of allowances for its expenses is added to, so that the remuneration of the postmaster for rent and other current incidental expenses will figure up some \$2,200 yearly.

The mayor had little to do in his court yesterday morning, with only two unimportant cases. One was dismissed and one was continued.

Mr. R. C. Broadbent will occupy the renovated improved store at Hull and Eleventh streets in November.

Mr. H. C. Beattie, who lives near Forest Hill Park, had a visit paid to his house Wednesday night by chicken thieves.

His driver, John Washington, fired at the intruders, and they returned the compliment from a revolver.

There has been great complaint from owners of fowls in this neighborhood lately, as to like depredations upon their property.

Many friends of Mr. James Lynch and Miss Annie Blankenship were at their marriage Wednesday night, the ceremony being performed by Rev. L. R. Thornhill.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Mary A. Clayton, who died Wednesday afternoon, will occur at the First Baptist church, in Richmond, this morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Robert A. Gillis, of Powhatan, died Wednesday night at his home near Sublett's, and will be buried from the old Powhatan church this afternoon.

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